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NOTICE.

Request for information.

Referring to the brochure on bubonic plague, prepared by the Surgeon-General of the Marine-Hospital Service and published by the Treasury Department January 6, 1900, and to the further information upon the same subject contained in the successive PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS published weekly by the Bureau, it will be noticed that an effort has been, and is still being, made to determine upon the relative danger of the transmission of plague; first, by ambulant cases; second, by rats, and third, by infected food products.

There is no doubt of the transmission of plague by means of ambulant cases and rats, but the transmission of this disease through food products or other merchandise has never been demonstrated satisfactorily to the Bureau.

All readers of the PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS, therefore, both in the United States and foreign countries, are requested to transmit to the Bureau any facts proving, or seeming to prove, that the plague has been transmitted by means of food products. Due credit will be given for the information conveyed, and all will recognize the desirability of having this question settled.

[Reports to the Surgeon-General United States Marine-Hospital Service.]

Beriberi and plague at Port Townsend Quarantine.

[See PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS, February 23, 1900, No. 8, page 377.]

PORT TOWNSEND QUARANTINE,
Port Townsend, Wash., February 18, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report of the condition of affairs relative to the Japanese steamship *Nanyo Maru*, now held in quarantine.